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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO Form PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 for RCE Fee;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
3. Copy of concurrently filed Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) for Consideration of a Request for Continued Examination;
4. Thirteenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Filing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
6. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page), citing 6 documents (US1-US4 and FP1-FP2);
7. Form PTO/SB/08B (3 pages), citing 26 documents (NPL1-NPL26);
8. Copies of the cited documents (FP1-FP2 and NPL1-NPL26); and
9. One return postcard.

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